
Title: Universalism

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My purpose is to prove
false the notion that one
race is superior to
another, and to declare
the principle of
universalism: that all
races have something to
offer the other and that
all may benefit, if not
live in blissful harmony,
with others. Each has
qualities which make their
existence indispensable to
the balance of our world.
I. THE GODS?

Those who seek to prove
superiority of one race
over another cite "gods"
who invariably back their
conclusions. It must be
nice to have such
unfailing omniscience, and
to know what "gods"
think! If gods had
decided that races should
not blend, then they
should have created and
enforce laws which
prevent it. Those "laws"
did not prevent Mondain
from the creation of
ratmen and lizardmen.
Since there are no true
laws regarding such a
process, I contend that
they were never meant
to be, or else there are
no such gods. Either
way, we are all given
freedom to choose mates
compatible with our
species for the purpose
of personal fulfillment and
reproduction.

II. EVIL

All races, intelligent or

less so, have the propensity for evil. Evil is not inherent in any of them. Was it not Mondain, a human, who created races so that he might assume control over Sosaria? Did not Minax do the same by exploiting goblin species? Were not they both human? So which is the most vile, the created evil or the evil creator? To pin blame on any race or species, therefore, is the height of blind unreasonableness. The wild orc is no worse than the brigand human or elf. Evil is a choice.

III. THE MAJOR RACES

Each major race has something useful to offer the world, which other races may admire and seek to emulate. To eradicate them would, therefore, be a terrible mistake.

ORCS

Despised as they are by most other races, Orcs have nevertheless persevered over the centuries. They possess a hardiness, strength, resourcefulness, and cunning which have enabled them to survive and more. To their credit, they inject a strength and will into other races for self-preservation which keep them alert and combat trained. One may learn from this fierce but ignoble tribe.

ELVES

All elves are favored with a grace and beauty like no other. Their wisdom, especially of nature, is ancient and unsurpassed since they outlive most other races. They inject

a sense of destiny and purpose into their world, as they must, for who could live so long and be pleased otherwise? They are expert crafters and traders. Without their minds and patience, the world might still be floundering in the darkness of ignorance.

GARGOYLES

To look upon Ten-Mur is to see the ancient and noble intelligence of this race. What marvelous engineers and architects! The only race that is endowed with wings to fly, hastening travel. What miner has not been glad to have held a gargoyle pickaxe? What crafter has not seen the value in imbuing? Without this race, much would not now be that is.

HUMANS

The most numerous of the races are the humans. Yet numerical superiority is not the sole measure of greatness. More numerous than they are flies and worms, yet none would call them superior. And it is human bigotry that has kept many races from achieving more. No, one must not equate numbers with anything more than numerical superiority! Short-lived, humans are impatient. They cannot wait long for results. Their lives are both precious to them, if their own, or cheap, if not their own. They will give all they have to preserve their existences, even to becoming the unnatural undead.

Yet their contribution to our world must not be minimized! In their effort to know, learn, and

experience in their short
lives, they encompass land
and sea. They bring
adventure, enthusiasm, and
resourcefulness to the
world. They have built
great cities and small
backwater towns alike.
Nothing is beyond them,
save flying, and yet that
may one day be within
their ability.

The world would be much
less than it is now
without them,

MINOR RACES

By that I mean, those
who are less in number,
or scattered or fairly
unknown. These would be
the Meer, the Juka, and
others. That their
contributions are less
known, visible, or
prevalent, is not an
indictment, but an
admission that they are
reclusive or isolated, most
likely by choice.

CONCLUSION

Each major race, and
perhaps all, have made
our world what it is. It
is not a playground of
the gods; it is not a
utopia, nor will it ever
be. It merely IS!

Let those who revel in
their nationalistic or
racial pride, have it... it
is deserved. But do not
forbid those who seek to
cross racial lines to
express their freedom to
reproduce and to add
the strengths, and
weaknesses, of their race
into the mix. It is in the
blending of the races
that true harmony in our
world may ultimately
come... one supreme race,
neither Orc, Human, Elf
or Gargoyle, but a
composite which the gods,
if there be any which
take part in the process,
may have desired it to

become from the
beginning.